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## Cromwell Advertisements



THE PEOPLE'S BAKERY.

J. SCOTT.

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread  
regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.  
JOHN MARSH,  
Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,  
IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.



CROMWELL VETERINARY

SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

DWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

I beg to inform the public of Cromwell  
that he has purchased the business of Mr Thompson,  
and trusts by strict attention to business,  
and the execution of all work placed in his hands  
in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to  
merit continuance of the support accorded his  
predecessor.

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CROMWELL HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

ROBERT KING, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentle-  
men will find this the most convenient house to  
put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent  
bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and at-  
tached to the establishment is a magnificent Bil-  
liard Saloon, and the largest Hall for Concerts,  
Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dun-  
edin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL.

M R M A N D E R S,  
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warden's Courts  
for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance  
Company (Capital Two Millions).



W. H. W H E T T E R,  
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial  
made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which atten-  
tion is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

DAGG'S

CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!

From the DEEP CREEK KILNS.

I. HALLENSTEIN & Co.,

Agents for the Cromwell District.

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SURGEON,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL.

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JUNCTION  
COMMERCIAL HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER,

PROPRIETOR.

IN returning thanks for past favors, begs to  
announce that neither trouble nor expense have  
been spared to render the above establishment  
second to none upon the Goldfields.

Being situated in the very centre of the town,  
it affords every convenience for Commercial  
Travellers and others visiting the Cromwell dis-  
trict.

The Bedrooms, Private Parlors, &c.,  
Are fitted up with every regard to comfort  
and convenience.

The BILLIARD SALOON (the largest in the  
district) is provided with one of Alcock's Tables.

Extra attention has been bestowed upon the  
STABLING DEPARTMENT, and as it has  
been placed under the management of an expe-  
rienced groom, the public may rely upon every  
care being taken of horses.

Smithfield Butchery Company.



OWEN PIERCE (late of St. Bathans)  
having purchased from Mr W. J. BARRY  
the Butchery Business lately carried on by him  
in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a  
position to supply the best description of meat  
at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business,  
and keeping meat of the very best quality, to  
obtain a share of public support.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL.

WILLIAM BARNES,  
BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,  
(Late of Adlestree, Surrey),

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROM-  
WELL and the surrounding Districts that he is  
now carrying on the above business near the  
Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to  
business, coupled with moderate charges, to  
secure a share of the work of the district.

SHAMROCK STORE,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION

MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district,  
free of charge.

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KAWARAU HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel  
in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,

With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow  
every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9  
a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and  
Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Carlotta and  
Alberton every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of  
Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every  
care will be bestowed upon horses. An expe-  
rienced groom in attendance.

DAVID WEAVER,

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

D. WEAVER begs to inform the Inhabitants of  
Cromwell and surrounding Districts that having  
bought the Premises lately occupied by Mr  
DAVID BOOTH, he has now on hand an assorted  
STOCK OF NEW GOODS,

Consisting of  
Wines and Spirits, Groceries, Drapery,  
Boots, &c. &c.,

of the best qualities; and trusts, by strict atten-  
tion to business, and moderate prices, to merit  
a share of public patronage.

FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY. BARGAINS. T E BARGAINS. FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY.  
N E X  
E M R  
S BARGAINS. O R  
I L D I N  
T S E L L I N G O F F. A R  
E D S E L L I N G O F F. Y  
A —AT—

LONDON HOUSE  
CROMWELL & CLYDE:

A. FITCH

Has determined to CLEAR OUT the whole of  
his Large Stock of

SUMMER DRAPERY, BOOTS,  
AND CLOTHING;

And would call the attention of the Public to  
the following examples of the SWEEPING  
REDUCTIONS made in the PRICES:

GREAT SACRIFICES  
IN ALL THE

SUMMER DRAPERY:

Hoyle's best Prints, from 7d per yard  
Muslins, Muslins, reduced to half price  
Fancy Dresses sold at prime cost, and must be  
cleared to make room for winter goods  
French Merinos, Alpaca, and Coburgs at any  
price  
Best Calicoes sold for 5s 11d per dozen yards  
Sheetings, in all widths, equally low  
A large stock of Ladies' Underclothing at half  
price  
Stays, Stays, Stays, from 5s 6d  
Maids' Stays, from 3s 11d  
Hosiery, Gloves, and Ribbons at cost price  
A large assortment of Ladies' and Children's  
Hats:—Leghorn Hats, 6s 6d—worth 8s 6d.

MUST BE SOLD,

All our large stock of MEN'S and BOYS'  
CLOTHING, and at such prices as to defy  
competition:—  
Moles, Moles, Moles, 6s 6d  
Tweed Trousers, 11s 6d  
Sydney Tweed Coats, 20s  
Trousers and Vests, half price  
Shirts, Shirts, Shirts—in fancy jenn, 3s 6d;  
all-wool Crimeans, 6s 6d  
Flannels, Flannels, 6s 6d  
Best knitted Drawers, 5s 6d  
Tweed Hats, from 4s 11d  
Lino Preservers, or Miner's Friend, in the  
shape of Watertight Boots, 17s 11d—usual  
price, 22s 6d  
50 pairs Men's E.S. Boots, giving away at  
11s 6d

A LARGE STOCK OF

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS,  
Reduced to Very Low Figures.

A. F., in drawing the attention of the public to  
the above low prices, begs to state that this  
is no puff, but a GENUINE CHEAP SALE.

Be in time to secure some of the Bargains.

All Books Closed during the Sale.

TERMS CASH.

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CROMWELL:



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY;

(Wholesale and Retail)

JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,  
Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout  
the district.

[A CARD.]

R. F. BADGER,  
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.



New Line of  
ROYAL MAIL COACHES  
BETWEEN  
Queenstown and Clyde.

R. W. DANIEL begs to intimate that he  
has started his new line of Coaches be-  
tween Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown, leaving  
Clyde on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,  
and Queenstown on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and  
Saturdays.

NOTICE

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the in-  
habitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra,  
and Clyde districts that we have appointed  
I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,  
CROMWELL,

as our only Agents for the sale of our Silk  
dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our  
name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,

Brunswick Flour Mills,  
Lake Wakatipu.

Miscellaneous.

VULCAN HOTEL, ST. BATHANS;

SAMUEL HANGER, Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Travellers.

Always on hand—Wines, Spirits, and Ales of  
the best quality.

BILLIARD TABLE.—GOOD STABLING.

BLACKSMITH'S SHOP adjoining. Horses  
shod on the shortest notice.

JUNCTION HOTEL,  
TUAPEKA ROAD,  
(Seventeen miles from Lawrence).

HUGH MACKENZIE,

(Late of Manukerika),

Desires to inform his numerous friends through-  
out the Northern Gold-fields that he has pur-  
chased the JUNCTION HOTEL, lately kept by  
Mr Thomas Higgs; and that he is enabled to  
offer, at the above hotel, accommodation equal  
to that of any house on the road.

Branch Booking Office for Cobb's Coaches to  
Teviot and Switzers.

Passengers change coaches for Switzers at the  
Junction Hotel.

Good stabling and paddock accommodation.

DUNEDIN SEED WAREHOUSE:

WM. REID, NURSERY AND SEEDSMAN, (late  
of Rattray-street), begs to inform his country  
friends and the public generally that he has  
secured these large and commodious premises  
known as Steinhoff's Buildings, (opposite the  
Cab-stand and Custom-house), Princes-street;  
and trusts, by strict attention to business, com-  
bined with the most reasonable charges, to merit  
a continuance of past favours. Nothing but the  
best of everything kept, and all Seeds guaran-  
teed. Country orders executed with despatch.

DUNEDIN AGENCY:

Messrs SKIRVING & SCHOLEFIELD, No.  
1 Chambers, opposite Government Buildings,  
Princes-street, have been appointed DUNEDIN  
AGENTS for the ARGUS.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Advertisers in the CROMWELL ARGUS will have their names and addresses inserted in this column free of charge.

## CROMWELL.

Badger, R. F., Agent, Melmore street.  
Barnes, W., Blacksmith and Farrier, do.  
Beeby, Charles, Watchmaker and Jeweller, Melmore-street.  
Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown Coach, R. W. Daniels.  
Corse, Dr James, Surgeon, do.  
Dawkins, James, Free Trade Butchery, do.  
Hagg, R. E., Clutha Hotel, do.  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Clothier, do.  
Goodger, G. W., Junction Commercial Hotel, Melmore-street.  
Lindsay, E., Blacksmith, Melmore-street.  
Scott, J., Baker do.  
Marsh, John, Bridge Hotel, do.  
Kidd, Robert, Cromwell Hotel, do.  
Standers, H., Agent, do.  
Whetter, W. H., Bootmaker, do.  
Kelly, John M., Cordial Manufacturer, Melmore-street.  
Pierce, O., Smithfield Butchery, Melmore-st.  
Farlan, W., & Co., General Merchants, do.  
Smitham, William, Kawarau Hotel, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Merchants, do.  
Weaver, David, General Merchant, do.  
Matthews & Fenwick, General Printers, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Drapers and Clothiers.

## CLYDE.

Auckland, W., Painter, Paperhanger, &c.  
Parlow, R., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Brough, Anthony, Barrister and Solicitor  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Outfitter  
Riley, Edward, Junction Hotel  
Marshall, M., Chemist and Druggist  
Cox, John, Port Philip Hotel  
Hazlett, James, General Merchant

## ALEXANDRA.

Beresford, W., Builder and Undertaker  
Jack, Alexander, Criterion Hotel  
Mason, J. H., Royal Mail Hotel.

## BENDIGO GULLY &amp; ROAD.

Beare, J., Reefers' Arms Hotel and Store  
Morcer, Francis, Temperance Restaurant  
Mitchinson and Harrison, Storekeepers  
M'Larn, W., Wakefield Ferry and Hotel,  
Rocky Point  
Perriam, John, Welcome Home Hotel and  
Store, Lowburn.  
Rocky Point Ferry: John McCormick  
Smith and O'Donnell, Old Bendigo Hotel  
and Store.  
Stevenson, J., A1 Bakery

## KAWARAU GORGE.

Campion, Nicholas, Diggers' Rest Hotel  
Heron, Thomas, White Hart Hotel  
Wrightson, John, Shuciers' Arms Hotel.

## BANNOCKBURN.

Halliday, J., Shepherd's Creek Hotel & Store  
Nicholas, J., Gladstone Coal Works  
Richards, J., Bannockburn Hotel and Store  
Stuart, James, Ferry Hotel.

## NEVIS.

Carnaby, George, British Stores  
Korth, C., Nevis Crossing Hotel and Store  
Thompson, Edward, Northumberland Arms  
Hotel and Store.

## QUEENSTOWN.

Boyne, Robert, Storekeeper and News Agent  
Bridge, J., General Blacksmith and Farrier  
Dohey, P., Union Hotel  
Eichardt, A., Queen's Arms Hotel  
M'Larn, W., Prince of Wales Hotel  
Robertson, J. W., & Co., Timber Merchants  
Robertson & Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour  
Mills  
Smith, P., Watchmaker and Jeweller.

## ARROWTOWN.

Butler's Accommodation Paddock  
Pritchard, R., General Merchant.

## WANAKA.

Hedditich & Russell, Wanaka Hotel, Pembroke.

## DUNEDIN.

Baird, William, Bookseller and Stationer  
Beaver, A., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Brathwaite, Joseph, News-agent, Fleet-street  
Chaplin, John, & Co., Coach Proprietors  
Dickson, T., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer  
Hay Brothers, Tailors and Outfitters  
Ridlop, John, Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Key, W., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer  
Kinnaird, M'Queen and Co., Vulcan Foundry  
London, Pianoforte and Music Saloon  
Matthews, George, Nurseryman, Seedsman,  
and Seed-grower

Otago Hotel: T. A. Jones  
Reith & Wilkie, Booksellers and Stationers  
Salamon, N., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Sinclair, W., Tailor and Clothier  
Shirring and Scholefield, Advertising and  
Commission Agents

Sharrow and Thomas, Dunedin Ironworks  
Taffeld, Frederick, Watchmaker & Jeweller  
Thompson, W., Red Lion Hotel  
Wilson, W., Engineer, Boilermaker, &c.  
Winstanley, Thomas, Scandinavian Hotel  
Wheeler, R. T., Advertising and General  
Commission Agent  
York Hotel: Alex. Mee.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Fleming, R., East Taieri Hotel  
Flowers Saw Mills: J. D. Ross, proprietor  
Hanger, S., Vulcan Hotel, St. Bathans  
McLennan, H., Albion Hotel and Store,  
Luggate  
Mackenzie, Hugh, Junction Hotel, between  
Tuapeka and Teviot

## Bendigo Gully, Lowburn, &amp;c.

WELCOME HOME HOTEL  
AND STORE,  
LOWBURN.

About three miles from Cromwell, on the road  
to the Bendigo Reefs.

JOHN PERRIAM PROPRIETOR.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

## OPENING

## ROCKY POINT FERRY.

The large and well-furnished PUNT in con-  
nection with the above Ferry being now COM-  
PLETED, the undersigned has great pleasure  
in informing the public that he is in a position  
to cross the heaviest Six-horse Waggon, and  
Vehicles of all descriptions, at VERY MODERATE  
RATES.

Persons visiting Bendigo Gully on horseback  
can be crossed at this Ferry at the reasonable  
charge of 1s. 6d.; Foot Passengers, 6d.

JOHN MCCORMICK.

## WAKEFIELD FERRY HOTEL,

ROCKY POINT,

On the main road to Bendigo.

The best quality of Wines, Spirits, and Beers  
kept in stock.

Good accommodation for travellers.

Dist. Post Office.

## THE WAKEFIELD FERRY

Is the best and safest crossing-place on the  
Clutha River, and is on the direct road to the  
Bendigo Reefs.

The Punt and Boats are worked by careful  
and experienced boatmen, and the heaviest  
waggon can be crossed at any time with perfect  
safety.

## MITCHINSON &amp; HARRISON,

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-  
CHANTS,

(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),

BENDIGO.

GOODS DELIVERED

At all parts of the Reefs.

## REEFERS' ARMS HOTEL,

Logantown.

JAMES BEARE PROPRIETOR.

The above house is the largest and most com-  
fortable in the district.

GOOD STABLING.

GENERAL STORE attached to the Hotel,  
with a large and varied stock of Groceries and  
other goods.

CROMWELL PRICES.

MERCER'S

## TEMPERANCE RESTAURANT,

LOGANTOWN,

BENDIGO REEFS.

The only establishment on Bendigo where  
Travellers can depend on getting MEALS AT ALL  
HOURS, in quietness and comfort.

The house is conducted strictly on TEMPERANCE  
PRINCIPLES.

The Restaurant is under the immediate man-  
agement of Mrs MERCER, and visitors may rest  
assured that every attention will be paid to their  
wants.

In order to keep pace with the increasing re-  
quirements of the township, the proprietor is  
about to make extensive improvements on the  
premises, and will shortly be in a position to  
offer excellent SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION to  
Boarders and Travellers.

Charges very moderate.

FRANCIS MERCER,  
Proprietor.

BENDIGO GULLY REEFS.

## OLD BENDIGO HOTEL

AND

STORES.

SMITH & O'DONNELL.

Miners and Travellers can have first-class  
accommodation, and may obtain every informa-  
tion respecting the locality.

Good Stabling; Horse-feed always on hand.

New Stone Premises are now being erected.

## Bendigo Gully

A1 BAKERY, LOGANTOWN,  
BENDIGO GULLY.

J. STEVENSON

Has much pleasure in informing the Residents  
of the BENDIGO GULLY DISTRICT that he is now  
prepared to SUPPLY them with

BREAD OF THE BEST QUALITY,  
At their own residences, Daily.  
FOUR-POUND LOAF, ONE SHILLING.

A choice assortment of BISCUITS and CONFE-  
CTIONERY always kept in stock.

Queenstown

## DOHEY'S UNION HOTEL,

CORNER OF

BALLARAT & REES STREETS,  
QUEENSTOWN.

The above is one of the oldest-established  
houses in Queenstown, and is celebrated for the  
superior quality of the Wines, Spirits, &c., kept  
in stock.

GOOD STABLING.

P. SMITH,

## PRACTICAL WATCH &amp; CLOCK MAKER,

BEACH-STREET, QUEENSTOWN.

FROM ONE OF THE LARGEST FIRMS IN  
ENGLAND.

Repairs Neatly Executed.

## PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,

(Corner of Beach and Rees streets),

QUEENSTOWN.

W. M'LARN PROPRIETOR.

The above Hotel continues to keep up its repu-  
tation as one of the most comfortable in the  
Wakatip district. The best accommodation for  
visitors and boarders.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

The only paddock accommodation in the district.

The Pioneer of Sixpenny Drinks.

## QUEENSTOWN SHOEING FORGE.

J. BRIDGE,

General Blacksmith and Farrier,

REES STREET, QUEENSTOWN.

—o—

First-rate Stabling: good Oaten Hay.

—o—

HORSES FOR HIRE.

## QUEEN'S ARMS HOTEL,

QUEENSTOWN.

A. RICHARDT PROPRIETOR.

Private Rooms for Families.

SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

A large and commodious STABLE, capable  
of accommodating twenty horses, has recently  
been completed, and has been pronounced by all  
who have visited the district as second to none  
in Dunedin. An experienced groom in attendance.

Booking Office for Cobb & Co.'s line of Coaches.

## WAKATIP SAW MILLS.

J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.,

TIMBER MERCHANTS,

QUEENSTOWN.

Every description of SAWN TIMBER con-  
stantly on hand, at FRANKTON and QUEENS-  
TOWN.

ROBERT BOYNE,

## GENERAL STOREKEEPER

AND NEWS AGENT,

Queenstown, Lake Wakatip.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods  
always on hand. Importer of English and Colo-  
nial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to,  
and newspapers forwarded to any part of the  
district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

MUSIC! MUSIC!! MUSIC!!!

700 PIECES OF VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL  
MUSIC, including some of Handel's,  
Haydn's, Mozart's, and other standard com-  
posers' works. Also, a TEN-STOP HAR-  
MONIUM, in Walnut Case.

BRITISH STORES,

Novis.

## ARROWTOWN

## R. PRITCHARD

Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,

ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines,  
Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district.  
A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes,  
Drapery, &c.

Agent for T. ROBINSON & Co., Agricultural  
Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin & Melbourne.

## ARROWTOWN.

BUTLER'S ACCOMMODATION PADDOCK,  
One Shilling per Night.

GOOD STABLING.

Clyde

## MR ANTHONY BROUGH,

BARRISTER,

SOLICITOR, & CONVEYANCER.

OFFICE, CLYDE.

## MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE.

M. MARSHALL,

## CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS-  
VENDER.

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial  
Newspapers and Magazines.

Literature and Magazine Clubs supplied at a  
small advance upon English prices.

## PORT PHILIP HOTEL,

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known hotel possesses every accom-  
modation for the comfort and convenience of  
Travellers and Boarders, and the Proprietor begs  
to assure the public that no effort will be spared  
on his part to maintain the favourable reputa-  
tion the house has already acquired.

A range of STABLING is in course of erec-  
tion, which, when completed, will be second to  
none out of Dunedin; and travellers may rely  
upon every care being taken of horses baited at  
the Port Philip Stables.

## JAMES HAZLETT,

WHOLESALE STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

SUNDERLAND-STREET,

CLYDE.

The largest and best-selected Stock of

WINE,

SPIRITS,

GROCERIES,

PROVISIONS.

Packers Supplied at Lowest Rates.

Agent for Marshall & Copeland's BEER, in  
Bulk and Bottle.

To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.

R. BARLOW,

## PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,

AND

MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,

CLYDE.

Has now on hand a choice and varied assort-  
ment of Gold and Silver WATCHES; English,  
French, and American CLOCKS; also, a very  
choice selection of English & Colonial JEWEL-  
LERY, consisting of

Gold Searf Pins  
Locketts  
Chains

Brooches  
Ear-rings  
Guards

Wedding, Signet, Gem, and Keeper Rings, Seals,  
Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the new-  
est designs.

ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant  
assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous  
to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS  
PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned & repaired.

## PAPERHANGINGS,

A LARGE and elegant stock of PAPER-  
HANGINGS at

AUCKLAND'S

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE,  
and at WRIGHT'S, Cromwell.

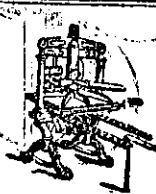
Five Thousand Pieces of Newest Patterns,  
at Prices to Suit the Million.

Flock and Gold Papers in Endless Variety.

Glass, Oils, Colours, Paints, and Varnishes

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## News by the December Mail.

The rank of cornet and ensign is to be abolished. These grades will, accordingly, disappear from the Army List at the commencement of the next financial year.

The Abyssinian Medal has been issued to officers and men proceeding on foreign service; but the one for the New Zealand war, which was virtually over before the attack on the late King Theodore was contemplated, still "hangs fire."

Another gunpowder explosion took place at Messrs Curtis & Harvey's powder mills at Hounslow on December 17. Three men were blown to pieces, and, as usual with these accidents, nobody knows how it came to happen.

All Rome is laughing at an adventure of two representatives of the London *demi-monde*, who, on their way to Rome, fastened themselves on an innocent prelate, and were presented by him to Cardinal Antonelli as English ladies of fashion.

The fireman in the employ of Messrs John Bright & Brothers, carpet and cotton manufacturers, Rochdale, discovered that James Mills, aged 49, a man of intemperate habits, had got into the premises during December 14, and had been scalded to death in the boiler-house.

The first suicide from the new bridge at Blackfriars took place on December 17. A man, apparently between twenty and thirty years of age, jumped into the river, and was drowned. He rose five or six times, and several parties endeavoured to save him. The body has not been recovered.

On December 11, the punishment of the lash was carried out upon eight garotters who had been sentenced by Mr Justice Lush at the Leeds Assizes. From what occurred, it is obvious that the convicts dread the lash to a degree which illustrates the wisdom of the Legislature in giving judges the power of ordering its infliction.

On December 7 two young men named Bellis and Jones were rowing in a small boat on the Mersey, near Tranmere. Bellis had his dog with him. The boat capsized, Jones, who was a good swimmer, tried to save Bellis, but the dog, mounting on Bellis' back, bit Jones savagely every time he approached Bellis. The result was that poor Bellis was drowned.

A frightful accident occurred at the Bristol Theatre on Boxing Night. The pit and gallery entrance is approached by a descent, and the crowd was so great that a large number of persons were thrown down and trampled upon. Eighteen were killed. The manager very wisely opened the doors, and permitted the performance to proceed; and by doing so, in all probability prevented a further loss of life.

Old players at billiards will be amazed at the scores which have recently been made at home. In a game between Cook and the son of the champion Roberts, the former ran up a break of 388, making 119 spot strokes in succession. This was the largest break at billiards ever known; but the same player has since exceeded it, having scored in one break no less than 393, including 112 spot strokes. Cook is said to have challenged the champion, and it is not likely Roberts will oppose him.

A boy named Wareing, who put a child four years of age on the fire for singing a political song at Blackburn, was brought up for examination before the local magistrates on December 18. The solicitor who appeared for the defence said that Wareing had been warned against singing such songs, and having been so taught, he imagined it was wrong in others. He asked that the case might be adjourned, and the lad released from custody, so that the parents of the children might settle the matter. The Bench said that had the prisoner been older, they would have dealt with him severely.

On December 9 an explosion took place in one of the storehouses of the Rosslyn Powder Mills, situated about a mile from the village of Rosslyn, near Edinburgh. Eighteen barrels of sporting gunpowder were placed in the store-house, and a short time before the explosion the house was visited by the person in charge, who found all right. A quarter of an hour afterwards an explosion took place, the building being completely destroyed, and other works unroofed. The houses near had their windows all broken. Wonderful to state, only one man was hurt, and his injuries are not serious.

Captain Norman, R.N., died, from disease of the heart, on December 12, at Ramsgate, aged 58. He entered the Navy in early age, and by perseverance gained for himself the rank of Commander. He commanded H.M.'s steamship Victoria at Melbourne. Captain Norman was in charge of the expedition in search of Burke and his followers, who were lost in the Australian bush in 1862. He commanded the Naval forces during the war in New Zealand, and received the thanks of the Assembly for his valuable services; and he led the exploring party in search of shipwrecked people upon the Auckland Islands in 1865. The deceased only returned home a few months ago for the purpose of taking out the turret-ship, at present being built at Chatham for the defence of Melbourne.

In reference to the fine inflicted upon Herr Bandmann, the tragedian, in Melbourne, for "wilfully and maliciously" destroying a case of photographs belonging to Mr Norman, the *Pall Mall Gazette* remarks:—"It speaks well for our artists at home that although nothing can exceed the ridiculous light in which many of them, especially the danseuses, are daily exhibited by photographs in the shop windows, they never attempt to destroy these works of art. The provocation, moreover, is greater than that which roused Mr Bandmann to fury, the error committed in his case being only the substitution of one set of garments for another, whereas our actresses might plead in extenuation of their taking the law into their own hands, that their photographs represent them as wearing hardly any garments at all."

"The Anglo-Australian in London," a writer in the *European Mail*, states that "the Lenton Troupe are still at the Holborn Amphitheatre. Lady Don has been indisposed and absent from the stage for several weeks, but she is now recovering. George Fawcett is playing at the Olympic. Julia Mathews impersonates the 'King of the Gold Mines,' at the Covent Garden Theatre, in the pantomime entitled 'The Yellow Dwarf.' I hear that those clever artists, Mr and Mrs George Case, will shortly return to England. Barry Sullivan has gained fresh laurels by his production of 'Love's Sacrifice.' His Matthew Elmore is a splendid piece of acting, and all the newspapers in London have been unanimous in praising his performance. Madame Celeste has been performing at the Greenwich Theatre. Charles Wilton, the comedian and burlesque actor of Dunedin, has been engaged to appear at the Lyceum in Opéra Bouffe early in January. Australians will regret to hear of the death of their old cricketer friend Tom Lockyer, who died of consumption on December 22, at Croydon."

On December 3 a distressing accident happened at Bradley, near Wolverhampton, at the Britannia Iron Works. About 11 a.m., when the works were fully on, and all the hands were engaged at their furnaces, one of the boilers blew up, and was rent into nearly a dozen pieces; the roofs of the furnaces, and the surrounding brickwork and iron piping, were shattered and driven in all directions. General consternation and panic at once prevailed. Men who were cut and scalded ran away. When the ruins could be searched, one young man was found dead, with his skull shattered, and his whole body dreadfully burnt by the hot masonry which was over him. Not far off was another very similarly mutilated, and quite dead; and close by were six workmen, some partly buried and others wholly so, all burnt and scalded, and some with fractured limbs and fearful contusions about the head and other parts of the body. Vehicles, with straw and blankets, were got with as little delay as possible, and seven sufferers were taken to the hospital in Wolverhampton. By two o'clock one of the seven had ceased to live. George Hawthorne, the engineer in charge of the boiler, was on the works at the time, and escaped with slight injuries.

### Struck by Lightning on Parade.

The *Times of Natal* gives an account of a most extraordinary occurrence, which took place at Pietermaritzburg on the 14th October. It appears that Fort Napier is situated on a hill abounding with iron stone, and that while the 20th Regiment were being paraded, during a violent storm, about fourteen of the men belonging to Captain McNamee's company were struck by lightning. The right-hand man was instantaneously killed by the shock, his rifle being split from top to bottom. Two other rifles were similarly damaged. Four of the men were removed to the hospital. It seems it was fortunate for the men that their arms were at the "order," with bayonets unfixed, for if it had happened when the men were standing with bayonets fixed it is impossible to conceive the loss of life that might have followed. The other men who were thrown by the shock are in a fair way of recovery. We understand that about the year 1853 a patrol was knocked down by lightning, and two or three men killed, so that with this precedent the military authorities should have been, to say the least, careful, and not have exposed the men to unnecessary danger. A few days previous to the occurrence, a Kaffir leader and seven of his men were killed by a flash in the immediate vicinity of the present accident.

We have heard many stories of the discovery of gold in the gizzards and crops of Australian ducks and fowls, but never did we hear before yesterday that members of the finny tribes were given to secreting the precious metal. We were, however, informed by an individual in whom the fact seems to have developed a singular affection for the bed of the Thames Estuary, that he positively found a bit of gold, as large as a pin's head, attached to the gills of a schnapper, which he was cleaning. "Oh," remarked he, with an envious and yet hopeless sigh, "it's my belief that most of the gold is in the bed of that river."—*Times Times*.

## Provincial and General.

According to the New Zealand Gazette, there are 189 medical practitioners in the Colony.

The first appearance of Lyster's new opera company in Melbourne has drawn forth favourable criticisms.

A large specimen of quartz from Wangapeka has been tested by Dr Tatton. It yielded gold at the rate of 5oz. 9dwt. and 17gr. to the ton.

Sparrows are now quite acclimatised in Canterbury, and are very commonly seen, not only in the streets of Christchurch, but also on the Riccarton, Lincoln, and Great South roads.

A medical man in Melbourne has been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter of a female patient. The evidence went to show that the doctor was intoxicated during the accouchement of the unfortunate woman.

The Provincial Government of Canterbury have accepted a tender at £57 for keeping the Avon clear of water-cross during the next twelve months. If that stream were near London, what would not a contractor pay for the privilege?

The establishment of a new industry in a Colony is a thing most worthy of record and encouragement. Our readers generally will be glad to learn that there is a probability of a glass manufactory being established in or near the city of Auckland in a short time.

Pheasants are becoming a complete pest in the Lower Waikato country, Auckland. The birds are so numerous and commit such depredations amongst the cultivations, that the natives have petitioned the Government for compensation for the damage done by them.

Mr Henry Anderson, who was for some time editor of the *Wellington Independent*, is, it is reported, about to resume the editorial chair in connection with the *Wanganui Times*, which is to be resuscitated as a daily paper, and placed under his management.

A monster meeting, at which 1,200 miners were present, has been held at the Thames. They petitioned the Government to find them employment, or to grant them passages to the other colonies. The Superintendent replied that the Government would certainly not grant them passages elsewhere, and that plenty of employment could be had at wages of 5s. a day.

Prospecting for gold in the Province of Hawke's Bay is still continued, but as yet without satisfactory results. Mr Tiffin reports to the local paper that his party have worked down Ngauroro river, finding the "colour" in many instances, and that they are now continuing their researches in the Kereru country.

A very serious accident occurred at Wellington on Monday last to John Hanley, a seaman on board the Lord Ashley, by a case slipping out of the slings, and falling on his head, stripping nearly the whole of the scalp off. The poor fellow was at once conveyed to the hospital, but his recovery is deemed hardly possible.—*Nelson Evening Mail*.

The challenge of Harris, the champion of Australia, to run the world for £100 at each of the following distances, viz., 100 yards, 150 yards, 200 yards, 300 yards, and 400 yards—or £500 in all, has been accepted by Frank Hewitt, the champion runner of England. The races were to take place on the Melbourne cricket ground, on Saturday and Monday, the 5th and 7th inst.

We have received a copy of the *Westland Gazette* of the 18th inst., which gives a return of all sudden and accidental deaths reported to the Westland police during the year ending 31st December, 1869. The deaths from drowning were 18 males; and from mining accidents, 21 males. From other causes there are reported 25 males and 11 females. Total, 60 males, and 11 females.—*W. C. Times*.

A barman at Wagga Wagga endeavored to do a sharp thing and failed. A man had "chalked up" 16s 6d, and after the lapse of some time, came to the house again. He called for two drinks, and gave £1 in payment. The barman impounded the 16s 6d from the change; but an action was brought against him, and he was compelled to return the 16s 6d, along with 10s costs.

A curious circumstance occurred in Grahamstown yesterday, which might be interesting to some of our medical men. A child of two or three years of age, whose parent resides in Grahamstown, had been ailing for some days. The child went to sleep yesterday afternoon, during which sleep a worm came down its nostrils, and the little sufferer has since experienced considerable relief.—*Times Times*.

The sugar producing interest of Queensland seems to be largely increasing. The returns made by the Government Inspector for the first three quarters of the last year, lead to the conclusion that the 619 tons of 1868 will be found to have been at least trebled in 1869; and the 35,999 gallons of rum will have increased to between fifty and sixty thousand gallons. In 1869, seventeen sugar mills and two distilleries were added to those of the previous year, and not a week elapses but others are contemplated, or in construction.

The yield of the Long Drive for the fortnight ending Saturday, 12th inst., was no less than 1830 ounces of retorted gold; that of the Golden Crown, for the same period, was 408 ounces from 85 tons of stone. Specimens from the Excelsior have turned out 22 ounces of gold from 85lbs. of stone.

Mr St. John Branigan is meeting with determined opposition from some of the Northern journals. The following specimen of editorial sarcasm is from the *Wellington Post*:—"We are able to state authoritatively that there is no truth in the report which was in circulation after the publication of the telegrams alluding to the disturbed state of Ireland, that Mr Branigan is about to go home to take charge of the Irish Constabulary. An application to that effect is rumoured to have been made by the Imperial Government, but our ministry determined, by way of retaliating on Earl Granville his scurvy treatment of us, to refuse it point blank."

### The Irish Land Question.

The muse has not been silent in proclaiming the wrongs of the poor and oppressed tenants of Ireland:—

Mr Allington, a Protestant, is a native of Ballyshannon, in Donegal, and in his poem, "Lawrence Bloomfield in Ireland," he paints with great accuracy the different types of landlords and tenants, and the social condition of his native country. Take the case of Doran, a tenant. His father, in combat with a barren soil, succeeds after a long struggle in making it productive. At first his three sons aid him; then one emigrates, another dies of hardship, and the eldest, Jack, labours on with his father, acts as a drover of cattle for others, goes to Scotland and England to mow and reap, and returning, adds his gains to the farm. No lease can be obtained; the father dies, and the son becomes tenant instead. He is soon taught the lesson—

"'Tis wise to show a miserable face;  
A decent hat, a wife's good shawl or gown,  
For higher rent may mark the farmer down.  
Beside your window shun to plant a rose,  
Lest it should draw the prowling bailiff's nose;  
Nor deal in whitewash, lest the cottage lie  
A target for the bullet of his eye.  
Rue be your fence and field—if frigid and trim  
A cottier shows them, all the worse for him.  
To scrape, beyond expenses, if he can,  
A silent, stealthy penny is the plan  
Of him who dares it—a suspected man!  
With tedious, endless, heavy-laden toil,  
Judged to have thieved a pittance from the soil."

Jack's son, an active, energetic young peasant, in whose education he takes a pride, wishes, in the ardour of his youth, to give evidence of progress, and works to make their cabin comfortable. The conflict between the instincts of an enterprising nature and the influence of lessons taught by sad experience is thus told. The son was

"On house and field improvement bravely bent;  
'My boy,' said Jack, 'you'll only raise the rent,  
Or get us hunted from too good a place.'  
And backed his fears by many a well-known case.  
He praised their added room, but shook his head;  
The small new dairy filled his soul with dread;  
To out a drain might dig their own pit-fall;  
'Two were ostentation to rebuild a wall;  
And did they further dare to stub their whins,  
The Great Folk soon would visit all their sins.  
'We'll buy,'—'But they won't sell.'—'More rent we'll pay.'  
'They'll charge three prices, or snap all away.'  
What could Neal do?—his parents getting old  
Detained him; but his early hopes were cold.  
Improve they must not; if permitted still  
To merely stay, 'tis at the Agent's will.  
They long have struggled, with some poor success;  
But well they know, should harder fortune press,  
Their slow prosperity is thin and poor,  
And may not even petty rubs endure."

The serf-tenants are 'hemmed from the former space of moor and turf; all privilege and profit from the land is for the 'Great Folk,' as they are called; and there is no authority that inspires more awe than theirs—

"Mark the evil of a low estate:  
Not Poverty, but Slavery—one man's fate  
Too much at mercy of another's will:  
Doran has prospered, but is trembling still.  
Our Agent's lightest word his heart can shake,  
The bailiff's bashy eyebrow bids him shake."

### Fenian Outrages in Ireland.

On December 14, four men entered the shop of Mr Dowling, gunsmith, of Dublin. One presented a revolver at an apprentice behind the counter, saying that if he made an alarm he would be shot; another placed a shutter across the door leading to the dwelling-house. The two shop-boys called out, and Mr Dowling, who was at breakfast, came down stairs, and, stumbling over the shutter, asked what all the noise was about? One of the party levelled his revolver and fired, saying, "That's it." Mr Dowling was not hurt. Finding the alarm given, the men went away. At the door one of them fired again, but without effect. The fourth man had a carpet-bag. They escaped by Eustace-street, giving a cheer.—In half an hour afterwards the shop of Mr Parkinson, gunsmith, Arran Quay, was entered by four men, apparently the same persons, and a similar scene occurred. The porter, who left the shop to raise an alarm, was fired at, but missed. Mr Parkinson, hearing the noise, came down, and he was fired at without effect. He went into the hall for assistance and the party escaped, three of them getting into a cab waiting for them in the lane. The police were informed of the occurrence, but no arrests have been made. One of the gunsmiths

whose shop was visited at Dublin states in a letter to the papers that he was directly fired at, and that the bullet pierced a sheet-iron sign standing on the counter. The burglar took from his shop two guns, as well as two revolver pistols.

On December 18, the residence of Mr O'Connor, Moorcock-lodge, King's County, was attacked by four men. Mrs O'Connor opened the door, and was detained in the hall by one of the party, while the others went into her bed-room and took two guns. They then dragged Mr O'Connor outside and cut off his nose. Meantime, an alarm was given at the neighbouring residence of Mr Bailey, who, with his two sons, proceeded to Moorcock and captured one of the party. On the 21st it was reported that another arrest had been made.

A robbery of arms in Clonakilty has also been reported. Three men with their faces blackened accosted a farmer outside the town, and wrested from him a gun which he was carrying to get repaired at a gunsmith's shop there.

A daring outrage was committed on the 27th December near Beleck, in the County of Armagh. Charles Murphy, a bailiff on the property of Mr C. H. L. Ward, of Stratford-on-Avon, was sitting at supper when a party of men entered his house, after firing shots, and struck him on the head with a pistol. He ran into a corner, and they assaulted him again. They also assaulted his wife and daughters. One of them handed him a book and wanted him to take an oath, but he refused. They smashed the furniture and windows, and then went away. He supposes that they accuse him with being instrumental in getting some of their rents raised, although there is no foundation for the charge. In February last he received a threatening letter, and a party of men broke in his door.—On the same day, a notice was posted on a Roman Catholic chapel at Carrick, County Donegal, cautioning the tenants against paying any increase of rent to the Messrs Musgrave, of Belfast, who lately purchased some property upon which they were expending large sums in improvements.

### Desperate Encounter with a Bush-ranger.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT AT THE AMERICAN YARD.

The *Cumragh Times* gives the following particulars of this desperate affair:—"On Monday, 13th ult., about 2 a.m., Mr Ledwidge was preparing to start for Adelong to purchase goods, when a bushranger, who is believed to be the notorious Power, from the Victorian side, walked in and demanded his money. The ruffian was armed with a pair of formidable revolvers in his belt, and carried a double-barrel gun. A sort of scuffle for the valuables—which, we presume, were lying on the table—ensued. Mr Ledwidge secured a bag containing over £50 worth of gold, and another with about £20 of silver in it; but the robber obtained possession of a bundle of cheques and orders to the amount of £40. Ledwidge and his wife then seized the bush-ranger, and in the struggle that followed, the gun he carried went off, the contents cutting off part of Mrs Ledwidge's ear. We have been informed that at this time the ruffian could easily have been secured had a hawker who was present acted as he should have done, but the cowardly fellow would give no assistance. Finding that he and his wife were unable to capture their assailant, it seems that Mr Ledwidge ran off for assistance to the police-station, which is about a mile off. On his way he came across a fine horse, saddled and bridled, evidently belonging to the bush-ranger. He attempted to get on the animal to ride forward, but finding it to be spirited and restive, contented himself with taking the saddle, bridle, and swag from it, hiding them, and turning the horse loose. On Mr Ledwidge's return to his store with assistance, he found that Power (if their assailant was that scoundrel) had during his absence frightfully ill-treated his wife. He had twice attempted to set fire to the store, but the brave woman had each time extinguished the flames; and the ruffian, being by this time infuriated by the courageous resistance he had met with, and by his ill success in securing the booty he had anticipated, struck her with the butt of his gun several times over the face and chest. Mrs Ledwidge's face, throat, and bosom are shockingly bruised and blackened by the blows she thus received. The robber had decamped before Mr Ledwidge arrived, but as he is on foot, there is every reason to hope that the police, who are in pursuit, will speedily secure him. If it is Power who committed this offence, as we are assured is the case, the fact of the Victorian Government having offered a reward of £200 for his apprehension may add to the keenness with which the search for him will be prosecuted. Mr Ledwidge has handed over to the police the bushranger's horse, saddle, and bridle, which have been forwarded to Albany. We consider that the courage displayed by Mr and Mrs Ledwidge, especially by the latter, deserves great praise; while, if the hawker who was present acted as above narrated—and we have every reason to credit the correctness of the version we have received, his conduct is deserving of the severest censure, as utterly cowardly, selfish, and unmanly. We presume he decamped when the affray began."

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Tea on the table at half-past Six o'clock.

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Wellington, 22nd February, 1870.

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At 12 o'clock sharp.

At Goodger's Yards, Cromwell.

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**MR GEORGE FACHE** has been favoured with instructions from Henry Campbell, Esq., of the Wanaka Station, to sell by public auction, at Goodger's Cattle Yards, Cromwell, on the above date, in lots to suit purchasers, a Mob of very

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## COMMERCIAL.

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Business during the past week has shown a little more activity, a fair demand existing for general merchandise; and the drapers, owing to the Foresters' Ball, have been busily engaged. A slight demand has existed for lime from the Deep Creek kiln.

**Produce.**—Since our last report oats have fallen to 6s per bushel retail; and we understand they can be purchased in quantities of 30 or 40 bushels for 5s. Chaff has been scarce, but good oat hay chaff can now be got for 10s per cwt. Potatoes are commanding a good price, several lots having been disposed of at £16 per ton. We however heard an offer from a farmer to supply a storekeeper with any quantity for £12.

**Flour.**—For this article a good demand has existed. Several loads have been sent by the local agent for Messrs Hallenstein & Robertson to Cardrona, Wanaka, Bendigo Gully, Nevis, Bannockburn, and Alexandra.

For bran, pollard, and wheat a fair demand continues.

Cartage from Dunedin has advanced to £8.

Our quotations are as follows:—

Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£16 to £17 10s per ton.  
Pollard, do. do., £12 per ton.  
Bran, do. do., £9 per ton.  
Oats.—6s per bushel.  
Wheat.—7s 6d per bushel.  
Chaff.—£10 per ton.  
Hay.—£10 " " "  
Straw.—£7 " " "  
Potatoes.—£8 " " "  
Bread.—1s per 4lb loaf.  
Butter.—2s per lb.  
Cheese.—1s 6d " "  
Bacon.—1s 6d " "  
Ham.—1s 8d " "  
Eggs.—2s per dozen.  
Kerosene.—4s 6d per gallon.  
Candles.—1s 3d per lb.  
Mutton.—4d to 6d "  
Beef.—7d and 8d "  
Lignite, 35s per ton.  
Firewood (scrub), £4 per load.  
Cartage from Dunedin.—£7.

## Cromwell Post Office.

MAILS CLOSE:

For Clyde, Dunedin, and intervening offices, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 3 p.m.  
For Dunedin, via Teviot, Tuapeka, and Tokomairiro, every Tuesday, at 3 p.m.  
For Kaurau Gorge, Edwards's, Gibbstown, Arrow River, Frankton, and Queenstown, every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9 p.m.  
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For Bannockburn and Nevis, every alternate Monday, at 9 a.m.

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From Dunedin, Clyde, and intervening offices, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 8 a.m.  
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From Queenstown, Frankton, Arrow River, Edwards's, Gibbstown, and Kaurau Gorge, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3 p.m.  
From Cardrona, Albert Town, Luggett, and Rocky Point, every Thursday, at 3 p.m.  
From Nevis and Bannockburn, every alternate Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

SAVINGS BANK AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE.  
Open for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTICE.

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J. REEKIE, Postmaster.

## BIRTHS.

On the 20th of February, at the Wanaka Station, the wife of HENRY CAMPBELL, Esq., of a son.

On the 28th February, at Five-mile Creek, the wife of Mr BOAVENTURA DE BETTENCOR, of a son.

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## Cromwell Argus.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1870.

SOME short time back we had occasion to notice the total disregard for the public convenience, and the palpable display of personal comfort versus the public interest, exhibited by Mr Warden PYKE in his attendance at our local hall of justice on the days appointed for the sittings of the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts. We vainly hoped that, after the publication of the article referred to, some slight amendment would take place in the hour of opening the Court, seeing that we are but favoured with the presence of Mr PYKE once during every fourteen days, and that there is generally a great quantity of business to be transacted; but no, the large number of miners, tradespeople, and others whom business brings to the Court-house, are, without the slightest consideration on the part of our independent and infallible Warden, kept hanging about for hours after the appointed time, the business of the day does not receive that amount of attention which it ought, and as a consequence general dissatisfaction maintains. To add to the discontent which has for some considerable time existed in this matter, a telegram was received from the Warden on Wednesday last to the effect that he was unavoidably detained at Clyde, and instructing Sergeant CASSELLS to intimate to those in attendance that the sitting of the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts was adjourned till the following Tuesday. We should be wanting in our duty as public journalists did we allow this sort of thing to pass without raising our voice in condemnation of it; and we certainly do think that the hearty and sincere wishes for Mr PYKE's future welfare (as we may playfully term them) which were given vent to on the occasion, were mild in comparison to what they with propriety might have been. When we state that persons were in attendance at the Court on the day we mention who had come no less than twenty-five miles (from the Nevis), and numerous others from places many miles distant, we cannot be accused of using stronger language than is necessary when we say that such conduct on the part of Mr PYKE is intolerable, as well as prejudicial to public business. We cannot see that any legitimate excuse can be put forward for it—the public business should not be brought to a standstill, and the community should not be put to such needless expense, because one individual—even though he does hold the exalted position of Warden of the Dunstan district—takes it into his head that such shall be the case. A storm has been brewing for long by reason of this inconsiderate mode of treating those whom he should do his utmost to serve, and whose interests should have a little more weight with him than they appear to have at present; and judging from the daily complaints which we hear on the subject, we imagine that when it does burst, it will be of such a nature as to make even the invincible Mr Warden PYKE regret the want of tact displayed and the short-sighted policy adopted by him. It is very unpleasant to have to make these strictures, but in fairness to the mining portion of the community more especially, by whom the inconvenience and loss occasioned through Mr PYKE's persistent and studious inattention to their interests is most severely felt—we cannot any longer refrain from doing so; and we do trust that in future we shall have the pleasure of reporting Mr PYKE as a paragon of punctuality and patience, instead of the exact reverse, as at present.

[Since writing the above article, we attended the sitting of the Court held yesterday, and in justice to Mr PYKE we may state that he apologised for his non-attendance on the preceding Wednesday, and intimated that it was caused by an attack of illness. Wardens, we suppose, are like other mortals in this respect, and do occasionally have to bear their share of human ills. If we have wronged Mr PYKE in accusing him of dereliction of duty in this particular instance, we beg to tender our apologies.]

About a month since, while on a visit to the reefs at Bendigo, Mr Warden Pyke picked a piece of stone, weighing about six pounds, from a heap which had been raised from one of the claims on the Bendigo line of reef, and having obtained permission to appropriate it, he did so, and subsequently forwarded it to Dr Hector for analysis. We were yesterday favoured by Mr Pyke with a copy of the telegram received by him in reply to the letter accompanying the stone:—"Wellington, 8th March.—Specimen received. Mica schist, traversed by oblique veins of quartz. Contains of gold 30 to 35 ozs. per ton.—Hector, Geologist." We understand that there is plenty of the same description of stone raised from the claim whence the piece we have mentioned was taken.

On Sunday evening last, a high wind prevailed in this district, and as the night advanced it increased to a perfect hurricane. Frail tenements were shaken in a most alarming manner, but fortunately very little damage was done. The only serious casualty we have heard of occurred about eleven o'clock, when the framework of the new Catholic Church, which had been erected a few days previously, was completely blown down. We understand that the gale was also severely felt at the Reefs, and in other places in the neighbourhood.

On Saturday, the 5th instant, a man named John Williams, a bullock-driver on Mr McLean's station, met with a severe accident. The wheel of his dray passed over his shoulder, which was dislocated. He has since been conveyed to the Dunstan Hospital.

The anniversary ball and supper of Court Star of Cromwell, A.O.F., which took place in Mr Kidd's hall on Friday evening last, was a most decided success, and as pleasant and enjoyable a *réunion* as we have witnessed for a considerable time. We understand that the attendance was not so large as at the ball of last year; yet (except in a pecuniary point of view) this was no drawback to the success of the gathering. The programme of dances was an excellent one, and was carried out with great spirit by those present. The band, consisting of Messrs Rock and Milburn, of Clyde, assisted by Messrs Whetter and Campbell, was very efficient, and gave great satisfaction. The first portion of the programme was concluded about half-past twelve, and the company, numbering about fifty couples, sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Mr Kidd. The tables were laid in first-class style, and high encomiums were passed on the host and hostess for the superior quality and great variety of the viands provided. The chair was occupied by Bro. Beck, C.R., Court Star of the Dunstan, supported by Bro. Marsh, C.R., Court Star of Cromwell; Bro. Marshall, Court Royal Oak of the Kaurau, being Vice-chairman. Several toasts were given and responded to in short but appropriate speeches, and the company again adjourned to the ball-room, where dancing was kept up until long after daylight. Mr E. Barnes kindly officiated as Master of the Ceremonies, and a more able or obliging one it would be difficult to find. From the Bannockburn and Kaurau Gorge there were a considerable number present, Court Royal Oak of the Kaurau being well represented.

A somewhat singular accident happened last Monday on the Clyde road, about four miles from Cromwell, by which a horse belonging to Mr G. Smith, carrier, was nearly killed. It appears that Smith endeavoured to cover with a large stone a hole about ten feet deep, which was in close and dangerous proximity to the roadside. For this purpose he harnessed his horse to the stone, and then drove him over the hole, intending to leave the stone on the top, and thus cover it up. The stone, however, proved too small for the purpose, and it slipped into the hole, dragging the horse after it. With the assistance of several waggons who were with him, Smith, after several hours' hard work, succeeded in getting the horse out, and it is, we believe, slowly recovering.

The price of oats at the Bendigo reefs is 8s a bushel. The farmers in that neighborhood ought to make a good thing of it this season. With very few exceptions, harvesting operations have been completed.

Mr Joseph Mackay, of Tokomairiro, is a candidate for the seat in the Provincial Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr A. J. Burns, member for the Taieri.

Mr Hanlon, of the Waikerikeri Valley is at present making a tour round the various farms in this district with his threshing and winnowing machine, and the bulk of the grain crops will soon be ready for market.

The flour from Messrs Robertson and Hallenstein's mill at Frankton, Lake Wakatipu, is rapidly superseding all other descriptions of that staple article of consumption in this district, and is gradually finding its way to the surrounding communities. On Friday last two large timber waggons were loaded with eight tons of Wakatipu flour for Wanaka Lake and Cardrona, dispatched by the local agents of the millers. It must be gratifying to the Wakatipu people to know that they are able to supply this district, as well as themselves, without calling in the aid of Dunedin, and we trust to see their flour find its way to other parts of the Province.

Mining matters in the Queenstown district must be in a very prosperous condition, if we may judge from the large quantities of gold which have of late been regularly forwarded by the Escort. The following were the amounts brought down by Sergeant Fox on Saturday last:—Bank of New Zealand, Queenstown, 661 ozs.; Bank of Otago, 1078 ozs.; Bank of New Zealand, Arrow, 609 ozs.; total, 2348 ozs. From Cromwell 830 ozs. were taken down in addition to the above, making a total of 3178 ozs. from the Queenstown district and Cromwell.

The Criminal Sittings of the Supreme Court were commenced on Tuesday, March 1, before his Honor Mr Justice Ward. The first case was that in which Eugene McCarthy and Christopher Francis Le Grand were accused of having, at Kakaui, in December last, stolen a box of jewellery, the property of Mr F. L. Hayman. Both prisoners were found guilty, and were sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. James Nicholas was indicted for having, on the 24th of December, 1864, forged and uttered a cheque for £3 10s, which purported to bear the signature of the Hon. Matthew Holmes. The prisoner was found guilty of uttering, and was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, with hard labour. The next case was that of George Haggerty, charged with having committed an indecent assault upon his daughter. The jury, after being locked up for a night, were unable to agree, and were discharged. His Honor made an order for a new trial.—The Court sat again on Wednesday, when Edward Sutton, convicted of having stolen a pocket-book containing money from the person of William Ross, a miner, residing at Moa Flat, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with hard labour. James Carter, late police constable at the Teviot, found guilty of fraudulently appropriating money belonging to the Government, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.—On Thursday, Edward Charles Young, aged twenty-three years, who pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzling moneys belonging to the Oamaru Times Company, whilst in their employ as collector, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.—Alexander Wiseman, aged thirty-three years, who pleaded guilty to embezzlement, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. Henry Charles Richards was then put on his trial for having, on the 25th November last, forged an acquittance. The case had only been partly heard when the Court, at about five o'clock, adjourned until next day.

We have received the March number of the *Evangelist*, edited by the Rev. Dr Copland, of Tuapeka, and published by Messrs Mills, Dick, and Co., of Dunedin. It contains a quantity of religious matter of special interest to the members of the Presbyterian body, and is improving very materially in every respect.

## BENDIGO QUARTZ REEFS.

The Aurora Company's claim is now in full swing, there being over thirty hands engaged in driving a tunnel and getting out stone. Their last crushing of 70 tons yielded 180 ozs. of gold, and this result was obtained in eleven days, with five heads of stampers. The engineer, Mr R. Reid, is making every exertion to get the second set of stampers ready for operating. When this important work is completed, an opportunity will be afforded to the surrounding claimholders to make their trial crushings. The company has appointed Mr Thomas Hazlett as manager, in room of Mr E. G. Barnes, who lately resigned. From all we can learn, there is not in the district a more energetic miner than Mr Hazlett, and we wish him every success in his arduous undertaking.

Two shares in the Alto prospecting claim were disposed of last week by Messrs Hebdon and Williams, and realised high figures. Messrs W. Grant and C. F. Johnson were the purchasers. Mr Williams continues as manager on the claim.

Crushing operations at the battery of the Cromwell Company have been suspended, in consequence of the injurious effects of the sludge brought on to the tables by the tail-water; and a law-suit between the company and Mr Aldridge is likely to be the consequence. Mr Aldridge and his party recently bought out the Chinamen who were working in the deep-sinking ground, and are using the tail-water of the Aurora Company for sluicing the terrace. The water is thus rendered unfit for use at the machine, as in passing over the tables it is said to carry away much of the gold from the company's quartz. Previous to the stoppage of the machine, a quantity of very excellent stone was put through the battery, and more of the same quality awaits crushing. The stone is expected to yield from six to seven ounces to the ton.



Now that the new machinery is to be immediately put up on the Alto claim, and that additional facilities are to be given for crushing by the extension of the Aurora Company's battery, active efforts are being made at all the Bendigo reefs to get out stone for trial crushing. The accomplishment of this object will in many cases result in assisting to defray incidental expenses, and will enable the working shareholders to use more energy than heretofore.

Lasst week a share in Colclough's claim changed hands for £500, the purchasers being Messrs Holt, of Clyde, and Mr John Duhj, of the Gorge.

## HOW TO DEVELOP OUR QUARTZ REEFS.

"Why stand ye idly by all day?" might well be applied to our quartz-reefers. Some time ago we ventured upon a suggestion that, if they would adopt a system well understood and appreciated by the public, they might infuse a little more life into their operations, and obtain more rapidly the results they eventually hope to gather in. We allude to the formation of companies under the "Limited Liability Act." The non-adoption of the measure, we must presume, arises to some extent from ignorance of its advantages. First, then, the cost is trifling; the dearest outlay is in advertisements, and they will cost a five-pound note. The registration fee is £1. The form is so simple that he who runs and reads the General Government Gazette may draw up the preliminary form. The appointment of "legal manager" may be vested in any member of the company or otherwise. The office can be made to some extent a formal one, or the directors may give really active managing powers. We have said "to some extent." The legal manager is supposed to be the guardian of the interests of the shareholders, but in the cases out of ten he bows the knee to the board of directors who control him. Nevertheless, the public believe in the word of directors: they do not dread a bundle so much, and a company so formed wins confidence. Another advantage is that risks can be distributed on the one side, and investments guardedly made on the other;—so that all things work together for a common good. Once a company is formed, it has a position; and though people believe they will make their claims equally valuable by keeping them in a state of joint-stock arrangement, defined by agreements of all kinds and natures, they are much mistaken. "Give us scrip, and a voting power, and then we know what we are doing," say the public. Why not respond to that wish, that feeling of the day? We are not advocating the formation of mushroom companies, but of a measure that will introduce both vigour and capital into our midst. It has become rather fashionable to point the finger at the Thames quartz-mining companies. If the truth were at the same time given, it would be seen that these contemned companies have been and still are doing a vast work. They are relieving owners of claims from their being compulsorily abandoned, and have made claims valuable that would in several instances have been left unworked. They are—say what people will—a favourite investment, and many a five-pound note is still speculated in them. It is useless to decry a system that works well, and those who condemn the line of conduct pursued at the Thames are the disappointed, or those who throw all responsibilities of management upon others. It is not the well-managed companies that disappoint expectations, generally speaking. Some of these, of course, do so. Yet capital, for all these doubts, is steadily finding its way to the Thames all the time. Our reefs, we apprehend, may be put down as either payable than rich; that they require to be systematically worked to render them fully valuable, may be also safely asserted. Starting, then, from this basis, the enquiry comes *apropos*—Can we best render them valuable by a pursuit of the present rude system, or by the adoption of another that has been found in both Victoria and this Colony to work well? In other words, is it not better to relieve the self of continual anxieties, and accept ready and sure results, rather than grasp at a supposed "pile"? We confidently assert that, had we a general formation of mining companies, not only would the interests of the shareholders be advanced, but the district would be also benefited in equal ratio. The prosperity of the one means the progress of the other, from which, eventually, the shareholder reaps the advantage. We do not desire to be thought to be writing from the vulgar platform of "shop." As the mouthpiece of the district, we are bound to advance, if possible, its interests, and to advocate its wants. But both of these matters can be done properly, and in this instance the advantage lies with the shareholders in firms, who will in the end find their properties enhanced in value by a more general reign of prosperity. We will show on future occasion how this result arises, and deal further with a subject of more importance than it at first appears. If we succeed in fixing attention by this preliminary sketch, we are satisfied; for there can be no doubt that the plan we have laid down, and which will be illustrated in detail in these columns at another time, will be found the best means of developing the reefs.

## CROMWELL R.M.'s COURT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1870.

(Before Vincent Pyke, Esq., R.M., and G. W. Goodger, Esq., J.P.)

William Smitham was charged by Sergeant Cassells (Inspector of Nuisances) with allowing three pigs to wander at large in the streets on the 20th February. There was also a second charge for allowing several pigs to stray within the Municipality from the 22nd to the 27th February. Mr Smitham cross-examined the Inspector at some length, considerable amusement being created by the questions and answers as to the identity of the various animals. Fined on the first charge 10s and costs. The second case was dismissed owing to informalities in the summons.

Inspector of Nuisances v. Owen Pierce.—This was a similar charge, and the same penalty was inflicted.

Same v. Sharkey.—Defendant was charged with depositing earth in Murray-street. In defence, Mr Sharkey said he had made a footpath on the street so that he might avoid walking through a quantity of water, caused by the overflow of the town race, which frequently accumulated on the spot. The Bench were of opinion that what defendant had made could hardly be called an obstruction, and a nominal penalty of 1s and costs was inflicted.

### BREACHES OF LICENSING ORDINANCE.

James Beare was charged on the information of Sergeant Cassells with allowing drunkenness and disorderly conduct in his licensed house at Logantown on Sunday, 20th February.

Sergeant Cassells was sworn, and deposed that on the Sunday evening referred to he went into Beare's hotel, and found two drunken men in the bar, and several others slightly the worse for liquor on the premises, and two of the latter behind the bar. He told defendant to close his house, which he immediately did. On Saturdays and Sundays there was generally a deal of rowdiness at Logantown.

The defendant stated that on the night in question, not long before the Sergeant's arrival, a man had come to his door, and asked for a night's lodging; and when the door was opened to admit him, the men whom the Sergeant complained about pushed in from the street. He had frequently great difficulty in keeping the house clear of drunken men, owing to the absence of police at Logantown.

The Magistrate said he had been thinking over this matter, and would write to the Government requesting them to station a constable at Logantown. The license-holders contributed largely to the revenue of the Province, and were certainly entitled to some protection and support. Although an infringement of the Ordinance had undoubtedly taken place, he would merely fine defendant in the minimum sum of 10s and costs (£1 0s 6d).

Police v. Patterson.—Defendant was charged with keeping his licensed house (at Logantown) open after 10 o'clock on the evening of Saturday, 26th inst.

Defendant admitted the charge, and was fined 5s and costs.

Police v. John Wilson.—This was a similar charge, and a like penalty was inflicted.

### CIVIL CASES.

Washer and Pierce v. Morris.—Claim of £17 8s 6d, amount of I O U given to plaintiffs by defendant, who pleaded not indebted. He did not dispute giving the I O U, but pleaded that he had worked for plaintiffs for about ten months, and that, when a squaring-up took place, the amount of the I O U was deducted from his wages.

His Worship said that if defendant had any claim upon plaintiffs, he would have his remedy for the recovery of the amount. In the present case, as no notice of any set-off had been given, judgment would be for plaintiffs, with costs.

The amount was shortly afterwards paid into Court, Mr Pierce agreeing to pay the costs.

Dagg v. Hay.—Claim of £6 7s, value of saddle, bridle, &c., obtained from plaintiff, and subsequently lost. The case was fully proved by plaintiff, and judgment for the amount claimed was given. Distress warrant was applied for, and granted.

M'Nulty v. Leslie, an adjourned case, was dismissed, in consequence of the non-appearance of plaintiff. It was stated that plaintiff had perhaps mistaken the Court day, in consequence of it not being the day on which the sittings were usually held, and a fresh summons was ordered to be issued free of charge, if plaintiff so desired.

### APPLICATIONS UNDER LICENSING ORDINANCE.

An application for wholesale license by W. Colclough was sent to town, with a recommendation that it should be granted.

W. D. Hamilton applied for a general license for his premises at Logantown. No objection. Sent to Dunedin for approval.

John Patterson applied for a night license for his hotel at Logantown. No objection. Sent to Dunedin for approval.

Informations against several of the Chinese storekeepers at the Nevis were adjourned until Wednesday, the 30th inst., in consequence of the non-attendance of material witnesses.

## WARDEN'S COURT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1870.

(Before Vincent Pyke, Esq., Warden.)

### APPLICATIONS FOR PROTECTION.

Matheson and others, No. 2 east, Alto reef. Granted.—Loughnan and party, 30 days, No. 10 east, Bendigo reef. Granted.—Bringe and others, No. 4 east, Bendigo reef. Adjourned for information respecting work done in claim, &c. Colclough and others, prospector's claim, Colclough's reef. Mr Brough appeared for Austin, one of the shareholders in the claim, and stated that his client did not consider that any further protection was required; but wished rather that extra men should be put on to work, the claim being already satisfactorily proved. Protection refused until shareholders agree. Mr Brough also stated that Lyons, one of the party, had refused to carry out the terms of the judgment

given by the Warden some time back, in the case—Gibson, Austin, and Bond v. Lyons. The Warden, in reply to Mr Brough, said that the judgment of the Court must be complied with, and at a subsequent stage of the proceedings Lyons intimated his willingness to do so.—The application of Charles Johnson and five others was adjourned till next Court day.—Woodward and party, No. 3 south Royal Standard reef, 60 days. Granted.—Randall and party, Adams's Gully reef, prospecting claim. Adjourned till Wednesday next, for names of all the partners, and other particulars.

### WATER RACES.

An application by Cairns and party was granted.—Frederick Pape, for race at Brown's Flat, one mile and a half below Kirtle Burn. Granted.—Stuart and another's application to extend their race was adjourned till next Wednesday.—De Souza and others made application for the suspension of sec. 11 of Regulation xii. of the Goldfields Rules and Regulations, in so far as regards their water-race at Quartz-reef Point, to enable them to bring in another race from the creek where they at present get their water. Granted.

The application of William Bell and another for a dam at Adams's Gully was granted.

Maidman and another v. Richmond.—Partnership dispute. Case adjourned till Wednesday next, by consent of Mr Brough (plaintiffs' counsel) and the agents for defendant (Messrs Badger and Bailey). An application by Richmond and party for a prospecting claim was also postponed pending the decision in the above case.

Aitchisons v. Perry and two others.—Mr Badger for plaintiffs; Mr Brough for defendants. This was a complicated mining dispute, plaintiffs making application to have the partnership existing between themselves and defendants dissolved. After hearing arguments on both sides, a dissolution of partnership was decreed by consent, claim and land to be sold, and a receiver appointed by the Warden—accounts to be dealt with, and settlement to be made by the Court on Wednesday, the 30th instant.

## ST. BATHANS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

March 3rd, 1870.

There appears to be a general complaint amongst the correspondents of the great dearth of news from their several districts. In this I must join, urging it as a reason for an uninteresting letter, for I do not intend disgracing your paper with tattle, and there is scarcely any other material for my epistle.

Our population remains steadily at 200 or thereabouts, and I do not hesitate to prophecy a permanency of settlement to this number, and I think if you add up the escorts from St. Bathans as published in the Dunedin papers during the past year, you will find the average income per man (among 200) to be about £2 13s a week, or £140 per annum.

The ill-feeling that has existed for some time about water rent has altogether subsided. At St. Bathans it was caused, in a great measure, by the sudden and unexpected failure of some of the extended claims in the basin, which the proprietors were obliged to abandon in consequence of the water rents being equal to two-thirds of the revenue. It is scarcely fair to call the ground a failure—except when spoken of in comparison to the quantity of water used, and its price—as the average yield I believe to be about £8 or £9 a week. The water companies have fair arguments on their side—I speak unbiassedly. They have (1) a most costly maintenance of works, as shown by the floods in January, which must have cost the shareholders not less than £500; (2) one of the companies has not yet recovered all its original expenditure; and (3)—the best reason of all—that there are a great many claims that can well afford to pay the present rates; and that the demand is greater than the supply.

This subject reminds me that I promised to keep you posted up in good investments, and if you wish to prescribe for patients in your district troubled with quartz-reef fever (of *Corse* it is no use you interfering if they have already received other medical advice) you may safely recommend them to purchase—if they can get them—shares in any of the St. Bathans races, which, I do not hesitate to aver, are as sound as any mining property in the Colony.

I have just heard that the Mount Ida water strike is likely to be settled in a few days, both parties having hoisted the flag of truce. Is it not singular that the strike did not affect the Escort—Mount Ida maintaining the head of the poll? Surely it is high time that Cromwell began to make a better score on the list—"Aurora's rays (raise) are spreading far and wide."

I see you have been drawing attention to the many evils caused by the leniency of the Bankruptcy Act. I do not suppose you can find room in your columns for a criticising discussion on all the sections of the Act, or even to enter into a controversy generally. I will, therefore, not attempt it, but it is certainly a question whether the numerous easy escapes open to debtors are not of service to Imperial and Colonial commerce; and also whether purification by bankruptcy has not a salutary effect on town and country trade. The long credit system, and money borrowed at high interest, are diseases which imperceptibly creep in, spreading their virus from the heart of the city to every small community fed by the city-trade; and when an explosion takes place, the sound, honest trader, who has to compete for a while with the

bubbles of unscrupulous adventurers," is rewarded for his patience and integrity by gaining unlimited confidence, which is of itself good capital. Do not condemn the Bankruptcy Act, but rather the tradesmen who foster a love for its conveniences. Far better encourage legitimate trading, more frequent auditing of short accounts or cash payments, and warn men without capital not to trust to chicanery, or to their wits, to force a trade on *unwilling acceptances*. Let us have competition, by all means, among tradesmen—it is the best check possible against extortion; but preserve us from the vultures who prey upon the unwary, ruin confidence and credit, and bring misery on families by their trickery and plunder. Bankruptcy has its work to do in this country—to sweep out all rubbish, disclose all rottenness, and prove honest tradesmen. The secret of the mischief is that Dunedin was built up as a city in too great a hurry. Merchants flocked in to supply a fast-increasing population, which went away again almost as suddenly as it arrived, leaving the merchants to battle it out who should remain. A crash was inevitable, and the Bankruptcy Act has materially hastened it. The merchants have, as a last resource, attempted to drive a trade by out-selling one another—to establish a custom up the country, even amongst small fry in whom they have but little confidence, and in the hopes that these men, who are nothing more than their agents, will again drive a trade amongst the mining communities and their surroundings, to enable them to take up their acceptances. The Bankruptcy Act, I am of opinion, will prove as beneficial to the country as the sudden fall in sheep and wool did. It caused the development of new industries, and weeded out most effectually the unfortunate strugglers on hopes deferred and dishonoured bills; and it has caused the discovery that there are other resources in this country besides sheep farming.

There was a time when miners had no idea of the prices of groceries and liquors, and would submit to any extortion as long as their claims would pay; but, thanks to the Press, who have begun to quote the markets, the victims of extortion are beginning to open their eyes to the true state of affairs, and, assisted by total abstinence societies—which have done more good for the miners than all the "Carpe diems" (I found this Latin at the end of an English dictionary: but pardon me, for I am not the only classical man who obtains assistance from the same source) in New Zealand. Miners are beginning to feel that they also have an interest at stake in the country, and that they will have themselves to blame if they do not assert a position of respectability and elective power.

Contrary, I regret to confess, to the usual order of things, the St. Bathansites assume a friendly disposition to neighboring townships. As a proof of this, they are going to have a grand picnic on the banks of the Manuherikia on St. Patrick's Day, to which all the world are invited to celebrate the anniversary and partake of the feast. Again, the local minstrels proceed to Drybread on the 11th inst., to give an entertainment in aid of the Drybread school funds, and will travel the eighteen miles, pay their own expenses, and rig up, blacken their faces, and sing comic songs free of all charge upon the funds.

It is of no use my attempting to report changes of weather, unless you intend to devote a column to meteorology, as we have to endure changes not only daily, but sometimes hourly, so capricious is the weather.

### We find the following in the Australian.

A remarkable luncheon was given on Saturday last, at R. U. Miller's dining rooms, in Collins-street, by Mr Robert Caldwell, managing partner in the Victoria Meat Preserving Company, whose process involves packing the rolled meat in tallow. The object was to give an entertainment which should exactly resemble—being no better and no worse—the famous Australian meal—miners at Norton Folgate in London. It was a happy thought, and the tables were crowded with guests who had evidently been invited not to give *clat* to the entertainment, but with a strict eye to business. The bill of fare comprised—"Joins"—braised beef, boiled mutton and caper sauce, and boiled beef and carrots. Entrees—potato pie, curried mutton and rice, haricot mutton, minced meat and mashed potatoes, croquet rolls and dry hash. The excellence of the various dishes was amply testified to by the rapidity of their disappearance. Mr Caldwell presided, and his explanations respecting the processes employed, the age of the meat, and other particulars illustrative of the object for which the luncheon was given, were listened to with great interest.

Holloway's Pills.—An unfailing remedy for Bile, Apoplexy, and complaints arising from Impurity of the Blood.—Mr H. Berry, a master cooper, residing in the Oldham-road, Manchester, informs Professor Holloway, by letter, dated May 12, 1854, that for four years he was a continual sufferer from bile, sick headache, loss of appetite, and dimness of sight, all originating from an impure state of blood. He had been under medical treatment of the first eminence in Manchester, but received little or no relief. At length he tried Holloway's Pills, and in about three months this extraordinary medicine so purified the blood that the disease totally disappeared and he is restored to perfect health.

## DUNEDIN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

During the past week we have experienced almost every variety of weather in Dunedin—rainy, cloudy, warm, hot, and cold.

The town at present wears a gay appearance, owing to the existence of a bazaar in aid of the Trinity Wesleyan Chapel, which is being held in the hall of the new Post-office buildings. The attractions held out are by no means of a mediocre character. In aid of the good cause the fair sex there practise all the blandishments of which they are capable, and the poor unfortunate who ventures within those precincts with a good supply of "the necessary," stands a poor chance in an encounter with these enthusiasts, such a good use do they make of their silvery voices and irresistible eyes. The amount realised yesterday was £175.

The verdict of the Dunedin Presbytery with respect to Mr Sringear was to-day arrived at, and, in my opinion, displays more zeal than charity. Mr Sringear is, it appears, at liberty to proceed to any other part of the province, and there exercise his sacred office, but the congregation of St. Andrews are warned, if they value his character, not to attempt to reinstate him in his former charge. The uninitiated, to which class I belong, have some difficulty in discovering the exact charge brought against the rev. gentleman; however, if his congregation insist on testifying their appreciation of his merits, I presume the whole world will be enlightened.

In this week's Government Gazette there appears a list of Government annuities and assurances. I fail to see the peculiar advantages offered by the Government. There is no great variation between the rates there quoted and those of most Public Insurance Companies, and in obtaining a Government policy a man is bound to insure on one principle, and has not the option offered to him by Insurance offices, of becoming himself a participant in the general profits. With regard to annuities I need only quote a few of the rates, and I think it will be palpable to all that the number of investors will be small so long as money can be used to such good purpose as it can at present. A man of twenty years of age by sinking £100 obtains a Government annuity of £5 1s 11d; at 30 years, £5 11s 8d; at 40 years, £6 7s 3d; and at the advanced age of 50 years, only £7 13s 10d, a yearly sum smaller than he can obtain by putting his money in a safe investment without sinking capital at all.

You will have seen by the papers that Mr Boxer, traveller for Mr Strachan, brewer, died suddenly at Waihemo the other day. His funeral took place this afternoon, and a large body of friends followed him to his last resting-place.

The subject of three of the *Daily Times* leaders during the last week has been the Port Chalmers Railway. Most certainly great laxity has been displayed by the Government in not effecting a more binding contract. The selection of the right course for the line is now being proceeded with, by surveyors employed by the contractors. With regard to the Southern Trunk Railway, I understand that only one tender has been received. It is to be hoped that Government will act more cautiously and wisely in this affair than in the other.

The first mail via California is advertised to leave Auckland on the 2nd April. I hear that a company is now being organised for the purpose of establishing direct steam communication between Otago and England. They propose making the passage through the Straits of Magellan, performing the whole trip in 40 days.

The Canada Quartz-reef Company propose shortly to have another trial crushing. Very favourable rumours are prevalent as to the richness of the quartz obtained from the extended drive.

Spite of all that ministers say and write in reprobation of the belief, Spiritualism still maintains its supremacy over the minds of many in this Province. Strange stories pass from tongue to tongue concerning remarkable manifestations and mysterious revelations. The inhabitants of Spiritland, however, who favour these boasts with occasional visits, appear to be peculiarly timid and diffident in disposition. A gentleman well known in town held a *seance* the other evening, but he had not been sufficiently careful and discriminating in his selection of guests to meet the distinguished visitor. An unbeliever was present: the spirit took offence, and refused to "show up." It is to be hoped that in future infidels will not intrude on these pleasant little social gatherings, now that it is evident that by so doing they are likely to disturb the harmony of the proceedings.

The Supreme Court is at present sitting. Yesterday the jury had the pleasure of being locked up all night, and they are likely to enjoy a reputation of the entertainment to-night.

It is stated that the prospects of the farmers in the East Taieri and Tokomairiro districts are of the most gloomy description. Owing to the recent floods and subsequent wet weather, many acres of wheat and other crops have been utterly destroyed. The quality of the wheat generally will be only very middling, and in consequence of rust the straw is quite brittle. In the Oamaru and Otago districts, the damage by rust is so great that in some cases it has been decided to burn the wheat as it stands.

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# My First Fox Hunt.

BY AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

(Concluded.)

The morning dawned, and luckily it was clear and bright, without any frost or snow. At about ten o'clock, the hunting party began to make preparations for a start. We were to be driven to the meet, and mustered six in all—Katie and her mamma being two of the number, and George a third.

The hounds had already assembled when we reached the meet, and there was a very fair field—some forty men in pink being present. I had brought a pair or two of cord breeches, my tops, and a hunting cap with me, so I was able to rig myself out tolerably; but George was extensively got up in pink, and seemed to think no small peer of himself. Duke was being led about by Hacket, and looked a perfect picture, but rather too excited for a hunter. He formed a strange contrast with the steady-going horses that were calmly standing around, and indicating by their manner that they were regular old stagers, but little disturbed by the sights and sounds around.

I was quick enough to give Katie my hand for mounting before George could do so, and I whispered, "Now for your gloves," and received a nod and a smile that would have been enough to cause me to lead a farrier, had it been necessary.

I soon mounted Duke, and made a beeline for Katie, whom I saw regarding me with a scrutinizing eye, and looking exactly at those points which would indicate a bad or good rider.

"Why," she immediately said, "what does George mean? You can ride as well as he, if not better. Oh! you'll do! don't be afraid. Listen!—is not that a Tally? Yes, so now for a scamper."

The fox, it appeared, had not waited to be hunted out of his cover, but had endeavoured to steal away. No time was lost in bringing the pack on his traces, when the cheering sound of the hounds in full burst upon the ears of the assembled horsemen.

Several grass fields were first ridden over, and separating these were little two-foot fences, which were taken without any difficulty by every horse in the field. Duke pulled vigorously, and obliged me to all I knew to prevent him running away. He flew over his fences as though they were twenty feet of water, and at each successive movement he seemed more and more eager. Katie managed to keep beside me; her mare was a steady old hunter that moved over the ground without distressing herself much, and took her fences in the common order of things.

"Oh, what a beauty your horse is," said Katie, "and how well you ride him. See how jealous George is, for I've won my gloves."

This was the last I saw of Katie on that day, until my return home, for Duke would not be denied, and in a great measure went at a pace that suited him best. He sprang onwards—bounding like a cricket ball over the fences, and giving me great trouble to keep him well behind the hounds. George, who was admirably mounted, was riding about a hundred yards on my right hand-side, and about even with me. His horse was going quite easily, with the reins almost loose on his neck, whilst he leaped his fences as though they were only a few inches in height. I did not expect to keep pace with him for any length of time, for I feared that Duke would soon get distressed, as he was doing so much more than was necessary.

The fox had gone straight away, and at a great pace; and when we had been running about half-an-hour there was not more than a third of the field present. Those who had made a bad start never found an opportunity of getting in again, as might have been the case if the fox ran in a circle. George was now alongside me, and smiling at the eagerness of Duke, who had not even yet settled down to his work. We were now approaching a stiff line of rails, and I saw George smile in a self-satisfied way as he eyed them and gathered up his reins preparatory to putting his horse at them. I tried vainly to reduce Duke's speed as we approached the obstacle, but the effect was merely to throw him out of his stride, so I allowed him to go on. He rushed at the rails, and rose a little too late, so that he struck the top rail; his speed, however, was such that he broke the bar, and with only a stumble, recovered himself on the other side. George's horse cleared the rails without any apparent difficulty, and was now half-dozen lengths ahead of me. Duke, however, did not like such a state of affairs, and very soon managed to get his head in front of George's horse.

The pace at which we had been going, and the heavy state of the ground, to say nothing of the stiff stone fences, had reduced the followers near the hounds to about half-a-dozen. These were—George and myself, the second whip, and three gentlemen farmers. Several others were behind us, but there were one or two some distance off.

The fox had led us into a valley, in the bottom of which was a stream. This I saw like a silver thread winding round the meadows. Duke had gradually

settled down into a more steady style, and was now going along quietly. He cleared several stiff fences in a beautiful manner, topping them with a good six inches to spare. He was a very easy horse to sit at a leap, in spite of his springiness, and thus I managed to sit him "neatly."

The hounds, which were now two fields before me, seemed to have sighted the fox, for they raised their heads and dropped their sterters as they broke from the line of scent, and eagerly rushed onwards. In front was the stream, a line of stunted willows tracing out its course. In the last three or four hundred yards I had left George behind; he seemed disinclined to follow the hounds, and was steering off to the right. The second whip also turned off to the left. Had I been a little more experienced, I should from these signs have expected that there was some obstacle in front, which was not to be easily surmounted; but, as it was, I merely became puzzled. Upon entering the next field, I saw the reason for their having diverged from a direct line, for the hounds were disappearing very rapidly in some ravine or watercourse, and again coming up on the opposite side. I pulled at Duke, using my right hand, as Hacket had recommended, and brought him to a standstill on what I found was the bank of a stream. The banks were steep, the water running about four feet below their tops. The sides, however, were sound, and the breadth about twelve feet.

If I could only get over this, I thought, I should be far ahead of everybody. A vision of Katie flashed across my mind as I looked at the stream, and decided me to try what Duke would do. I selected the best ground, took him some fifty yards back, and rushed him at the river. When within a few yards of it, he suddenly came to a stand, and then reared straight up. I knew enough of the character of well-bred horses to know that "bullying" was of no use, so I merely patted him as he came to the ground on all-fours, and allowed him to remain still for a few seconds. I then took him as before, and, giving him his head, ran him at the same place. As I approached, it was exciting work, for I expected at each stride he would swerve or stop, but he pricked up his ears, and rather increased his speed; so just touching him with my spur, I gave him his head freedom, felt a jerk beneath me as though we had received a kick, a moment's interval, and then I was pitched forward almost on his neck. I shuffled back into the saddle, regained the stirrup that I had lost, and found myself on the far side of the stream, with Duke beneath me, striding along as though fresh from the stable; whilst within a hundred yards of me were the pack of hounds, and scarcely twenty yards before them the fox, his brush low, and he feeble as a new-born cub.

I remember thinking there must be some mistake, for it seemed so unlikely that of all the gentlemen who had joined the hunt, I alone should be near the hounds. But such is often the case during our lives: we have a turn of great luck now and then, which makes us think we could succeed in anything we undertook; and then, again, our good fortune fails us, and we seem to be actually persecuted by circumstances over which we have no control. It was for me, however, now to acquit myself as best I could, so I jumped off Duke, and, running in amongst the hounds, laid hold of the fox, which was already half torn in pieces, threatening the yelling pack with my hunting whip. I had not long to wait for assistance, for the second whip quickly made his way up to me, and taking the fox, proceeded leisurely to cut off its brush and head, and gave the carcass to the hounds. By this time about a dozen horsemen had joined us, and soon afterwards the numbers increased. Duke and I were objects of considerable attention, for it was soon known to all present that I was the only man up at the finish; besides which, my leap of the stream had been witnessed by many. The second whip gave the brush to the master of the hounds, who immediately came to me, and, presenting it, said, "I never saw one better won, sir; your nag was as well ridden as a horse could be. I rather feared for my dogs at first, because I know what a hard mouth he has." I tied the brush to my saddle, and looked round for George, as I did not know my way home. I saw him talking with some friends at a distance, and apparently uninterested about the brush. I rode up to him, as I wished to know how far it was from home, and whether he proposed putting up to grieve the horses.

"Well," he said, as I came near, "you managed to pull up Duke at last."

I saw his companions smile, as though they had just heard a good joke. "Yes," I said, "there was no difficulty in pulling up after the river was crossed."

"When I saw him running away with you so, I feared he would break your neck, and that I should be in at the death, and held responsible for it."

I saw at once that George, being rather jealous, wanted to detract from the merits I had gained by good riding, so I replied, "Come, George, when you have learned a little more about riding, you will be able to tell when a horse is running away from its rider, and when it is running away from you."

The laugh was now turned against him, and he did not seem much pleased; so, as

I did not wish to quarrel with him, I proposed that we ought to return home, as friends were coming to dinner.

Poor George! he was very sore about that day's hunting; for he had often refused to ride Duke, because he believed him to be such a dangerous animal. He has long since gone to his last home, poor fellow, whilst I own the property that should have been his. Katie won her gloves, and more besides, for she won my first love; and when, after ten years of rough campaigning, I was summoned from the East to attend to the estate which my uncle had left me, there I found Katie, young looking, and more beautiful than ever; and even now she is pleasant to look at, though our eldest boy is about the same age as I was when I won my first brush. He, too, is fast with the hounds, but I am happy to say, not fast in any other way; and as he tells me he has often thought my tale of a brush a good one, he has induced me to sit down, and, with my pen, "fight my battle o'er again."

## A "Tail" Unfolded.

The following tale of a "tail" is from the *Northern Argus* (Rockhampton):—The adage "Truth is stranger than fiction" is as old as the hills, and it is one that has proved more correct than many adages which have become as familiar as household words. Since we have lived in the Australia we have heard, as a matter of course, a great many sensational stories about snakes; and it has been our fortune to assist frequently in lessening the numbers of those formidable, slimy, creeping things, which are the terror of all mothers, and which are so constantly coiling and twisting around our homesteads, and gliding into our parlours, bedrooms, and kitchens. But we heard a snake story yesterday which for ludicrousness has rarely been equalled, while there was just enough horror about it to make it interesting. A lady, who does not live many miles from Rockhampton, and who has inherited, as a daughter of Eve should do, a hatred and dread of "serpents" more venomous than that of old Nile which stung poor Anthony, never goes to bed without examining every nook and corner of the house: she peers under the sofa; peeps under the bed; scans the roof, and examines the walls; empties the linen out of the dirty clothes bag, and turns over the pillows. More than once her industry has been rewarded, and she has several times triumphantly exhibited to her admiring neighbors reptiles as dead as nails, and minus heads (she always burns the heads), hanging across the broom-handle. On Thursday evening, her husband being absent and her children in bed, she commenced her rounds, and was startled by seeing, protruding from beneath the dressing table, which was covered to the ground with muslin and pink lining, a portion of a black tail. Off she ran, and returned almost instantly with a tomahawk, and with one determined blow she severed the tail several inches above the tip. Directly there arose the most dismal howlings, yelpings, and cries—then followed a scrambling, rushing, and tearing. In her fright, the lady dropped the candle, and she was left in darkness. Before she could escape from the room, something rushed between her legs, and toppled her completely over. She fell with a scream that shamed that of Giles Scroggins's Molly Bawn, and which might have awakened the Seven Sleepers. In a few seconds a neighbour rushed in, and finding all as dark as a wolf's mouth and quiet as the chamber of death, she ran home, obtained a lucifer, struck a light, and found the lady on the floor in a fainting fit, and the children under the bed-clothes almost dead with terror. Smellingsalts, cold water, slapping of hands, and bathing of temples followed, but it was some time before Mrs. — was sufficiently recovered to tell her story. With something approaching downright terror, the frightened neighbor crept to the dressing-table and picked up the point of the tail. "Good gracious!" said she, "this is not a snake's tail." "Not a snake's tail! Then it must be the ——" [We spare the lady.] It was dropped as if it had been burning hot, and the pair stood staring into each other's eyes with perfect bewilderment. After a little time, however, they summoned courage to pick up the tail once more and examine it. The mystery was solved—the howling, the yelping, the crying, the scrambling, the rush between the legs, and the fall. It was the tail of a favourite blue-coloured kangaroo-dog. The unfortunate beast had crept under the dressing-table to take a nap where the mosquitoes could not worry him, and the point of his thin, dark tail was alone visible. We will say no more, but will leave the after scene to the imagination of our readers: the wailings and weepings, interspersed with laughter, and the moans of the unfortunate dog, who can, however, whenever he pleases, see the point of his tail swimming in spirits of wine.

An old stable-keeper in England says he has never had a bad foot on his horses since he commenced the practice of bedding on a thick layer of saw-dust. Pine saw-dust he finds the best, and oak the worst.

## Recent Discovery of a Wholesale Tragedy in Belgium.

[From the *Glasgow Herald*.]

The recently discovered crime, or rather series of crimes, perpetrated at Hornu, equals and in some respects surpasses in atrocity the Pautin tragedy, and has probably had no parallel in this country since the time of 'Burke' and 'Hare', to whose crimes they bear a strong resemblance. The following is the account given by the *Organe de Mons*:—About four years ago a young man came to reside at Hornu, where he obtained employment as a shepherd. Shortly afterwards he made the acquaintance of a young woman, whom he married in the beginning of 1866. James Dessous le Moustier, for such was his name, had no means whatever, neither had his wife; nevertheless, he very soon started as a sheep dealer, on his own account, and the readiness with which the brothers Thirion opened 'credits soon gave him an opportunity of entering into relations with them. These Thirions were three in number, brothers, remarkable on account of their great stature; and the rough and ragged costumes in which they made their appearance in the Market of Mons contrasted with the large sums of money they carried in their belts. About eighteen months ago one of the brothers, named Nicholas, came to Mons, and thence to several places in the vicinity. After some time had elapsed, one of his family went in search of him, and he, too, disappeared in a like mysterious manner. After him came the third brother to seek him and he also vanished. Strange to say that, although all three were traced to Hornu and to Moustier's house, the authorities only cited Moustier before them to answer certain questions, and, notwithstanding that public opinion accused him of murdering the three brothers, they did nothing more in the matter—did not even search his house, and he remained free from molestation. From this time forth he prospered greatly; he, who a short time previously had not a halfpenny, became a sheep dealer on a somewhat large scale, and in point of fortune one of the notabilities of the place. It should be stated, however, that the inhabitants of Hornu regarded him with a certain degree of horror, and held as little communication with him as possible. It was remarked at the time, or shortly after the disappearance of the brothers, that he had a well in the front court of his house filled up, on the pretence that he intended to put up a pair of large gates as the future entrance; he also had another place filled up, and a little outhouse built over it. These proceedings, considering the evil rumours that were afloat concerning him, ought to have attracted the attention of the authorities; but no such thing, he was allowed to lead a quiet and peaceful life. Things remained in this condition until his wife fell sick, and the nature of her ailment was such as perplexed the medical man who attended her. During the day she was very well; but in the course of the night she was seized with vomiting, after drinking the liquids prepared for her by her husband. In the daytime he was absent on business, and she was obliged to prepare them herself. This alternate state continued during a week, and the doctor, unable to come to any conclusion as to the malady which afflicted her, called in another member of the profession, and a day was fixed for examining the patient. On the day appointed, Moustier, contrary to his usual practice, remained at home, and on this particular day it was remarked that his wife was seized with vomiting. The doctors on their arrival took possession of the vomit, greatly to the dissatisfaction of Moustier, and carried it away with them, having conceived suspicions that she was poisoned. The next day the woman was visited by the doctors, who found her much better; nevertheless, her husband went to her relatives and told them she was laboring under a complaint that might carry her off at any moment; he also went to a priest and told him the same thing and requested him to call on her. This was on a Saturday. On the following Monday while her sister was tending her, his wife was going on in a highly satisfactory manner, when, all of a sudden, she was again seized with a violent vomiting and purging, and in a short time died. The next day, Tuesday, Moustier went about his business in his usual quiet way, merely giving directions that the funeral should be a first-class one. On returning to his house, he met in the street the doctor who had been attending his wife, and said, "Ahem, here is a pretty job; my wife died during the night!" Astonished by the sudden death of the woman, the doctor at once communicated his suspicions to the authorities, and they on the following day ordered his arrest. When the police told him of the charge against him he merely said "Ah, if that were all!" His arrest was followed by a search of his house and premises, and on digging out the well he had caused to be filled up, they found first one body and then a second—the first in such an advanced stage of decomposition that it was only held together by the clothes worn in its lifetime. The second body was much less so, and was easily identified as that of Nicholas Thirion. These discoveries in the well brought to the recollection of the neighbours the fil-

ling up of the other place. The outhouse over this was knocked down and the hole dug out, and here they discovered the body of the other brother. Like the other bodies, it was extended at full length, with the arms crossed on the chest. This, too, was greatly decomposed; so much so that on attempting to remove it the head fell off. The excitement caused by these discoveries was intense, the more so as they revived the recollection that two cattle merchants had mysteriously disappeared about two years previously, who also had been traced to the vicinity of Mons. The prisoner, it should be mentioned, had a mistress who was in the habit of coming to his house to work, his wife being cognisant of the nature of the connection between the woman and her husband. The next move of the authorities was to bring the prisoner before the corpses to see what effect the sudden appearance would produce upon him. His arms were pinioned by a straight jacket, and his eyes covered with a bandage, and in this condition he was conveyed to his house and stationed before the bodies, which had been arranged for the purpose. When all was ready the bandage was suddenly snatched from his eyes, and the first thing he beheld was the spectacle we have described. At sight of these hideous objects he showed signs of emotion, and became deadly pale; but when one of the magistrates exclaimed, "It was you who killed them," he protested against the accusation, and said, "It was not I; it was Hoyon." This Hoyon is a shepherd living at Hornu, and is about 60 years of age. Up to this time he had only been shown two bodies; he was now suddenly wheeled partly round, and he saw the third body stretched out before him. At sight of this he could hold out no longer, and confessed that he had murdered the brothers with the assistance of Hoyon. At the same time he most energetically protested that he did not poison his wife. Having confessed so much, he had no hesitation in making other avowals as to the manner in which the murders were perpetrated. The first proceeding was to make them drunk, and then he strangled them, aided by Hoyon. The latter, when taken into custody and confronted with his accuser, denied vehemently that he had any share in the crimes imputed to him. As regards the money, for the sake of which he had committed the murders, Moustier affirmed that only one of them had any about him. This was Pierre, who had in his girdle two bank notes for 1000 francs, and between 1500 and 2000 francs in gold; and the notes he had appropriated to himself, and the gold he divided with his accomplice. The periods at which the murders were committed, and the ages of his victims, were as follows:—Pierre Joseph Thirion, aged 62 years, murdered in March 1868; Nicholas, 58 years, murdered in the following April; Gustave, aged 43, murdered in May.

## American Artisan Governors.

The death of John Tyler and of Franklin Pierce leaves Mr Millard Fillmore and Mr Andrew Johnson as the only surviving ex-Presidents. Both of these eminent personages struggled up from poverty and obscurity. The following records show a curious parallelism in their early life:—

"Greenville, Tennessee, Nov. 7, 1818. "This is to certify that it is my desire that my son, Andrew Johnson, be bound an apprentice to James J. Selby to learn the Taylor's Trade, and that he is to serve him faithfully until he is 21 years old. Andrew Johnson was born in the year 1808, December 29.

"MARY DAUGHTRY, "by Turner Daughtry."

"Sampson, N.Y., June 26, 1820. "DEAR SIR,—Feeling disposed to relinquish my study, I feel anxious to pursue my occupation again. Therefore I shall take the liberty to enquire of you if you have any journeymen engaged to dress cloth; and if you have not, I should like to hire out to you, and would work cheap as I could possibly afford it. Please to accept my unfeigned respects, and present them to your amiable lady, and allow me to subscribe myself, your unworthy friend, "Z. Cheney."

"W. FILLMORE. Mr Johnson has often referred with some pride to his humble origin, and there may still be seen over a door in Greenville the sign "A. Johnson, Tailor." When he was Governor of Tennessee he made with his own hands a suit of clothes, and sent them to Mr. Moorhead, Governor of the neighboring state of Kentucky. Governor Moorhead, who had originally been a blacksmith, as a return gift presented a shovel and tongs made by his own hands. The only other Presidents who commenced life as working men were Abraham Lincoln, who served on an Ohio flat-boat, and was afterwards a rail-splitter, and the present President, who was a tanner. It will be remembered that both the surviving ex-Presidents were originally elected as vice-Presidents.

The village of Ewell, near Epsom, has been the scene of a shocking outrage. A man named Haggart, in order to be revenged upon a woman who had refused any longer to cohabit with him, entered the house where she lived, and threw a bag of gunpowder upon the fire. The perpetrator of the atrocity received such injuries in the explosion that he shortly afterwards died. Two other men in the house were very seriously, and, it is feared, fatally maimed; while the women escaped comparatively unhurt.

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